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In re Application of:

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For: **LINEAR LIGHT FORM WITH LIGHT
DIVERTING LAYER**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Lumenyte International Corporation, assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified application, hereinafter referred to as Applicant, requests that the application be amended, prior to examination, as follows:

I. IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 8, following the Abstract, please insert a new first paragraph to read as follows:

--This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/402,102, filed September 27, 1999, pending, which is a national stage application of international application Serial No. PCT/US98/06078, filed March 27, 1998, which claimed priority from application Serial No. 08/826,168, filed March 27, 1997, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,903,695, which claimed priority from provisional application Serial No. 60/014,222, filed March 27, 1996.--

II. AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 27.

Please add new claims 28- 45 as follows:

28. (New) A fiber optic linear light form comprising:

a plurality of light transmitting cores;

a plurality of light transmitting claddings, at least one of said claddings surrounding each of said cores to form a plurality of clad cores;

a finish jacket surrounding said clad cores; and

a light diverting layer surrounding said finish jacket, said layer adapted to permit transmission of light radiating outward from said cores and to divert ambient light incoming toward said clad cores.

29. (New) A fiber optic linear light form comprising:

a plurality of light transmitting cores;

a plurality of light transmitting claddings, each of said claddings surrounding each of said cores;

a light diverting layer surrounding said clad cores collectively, as a bundle, said layer adapted to permit transmission of light radiating outward from said cores and to divert ambient light incoming toward said clad cores; and

a finish jacket surrounding said light diverting layer.

30. (New) A fiber optic linear light form comprising:

a light transmitting core;

a cladding surrounding said core;

a finish jacket surrounding said cladding; and

a light diverting layer surrounding said finish jacket, said layer adapted to permit transmission of light radiating outward from said core and to divert ambient light incoming toward to said core.

31. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 28 wherein said light diverting layer is a dichroic layer.

32. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 28 wherein said light diverting layer is a reflective layer.

33. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 28 wherein said light diverting layer is a refractive layer.

34. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 28 wherein said light diverting layer is a holographic layer.

35. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 28 wherein said light diverting layer is a polarizing layer.

36. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 29 wherein said light diverting layer is a dichroic layer.

37. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 29 wherein said light diverting layer is a reflective layer.

38. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 29 wherein said light diverting layer is a refractive layer.

39. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 29 wherein said light diverting layer is a holographic layer.

40. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 29 wherein said light diverting layer is a polarizing layer.

41. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 30 wherein said light diverting layer is a dichroic layer.

42. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 30 wherein said light diverting layer is a reflective layer.

43. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 30 wherein said light diverting layer is a refractive layer.

44. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 30 wherein said light diverting layer is a holographic layer.

45. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 30 wherein said light diverting layer is a polarizing layer.

III. REMARKS RE AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS

The specification has been amended to reflect that this is a continuation application of parent application Serial No. 09/402,102.

Claim 27 has been canceled for the reason that it has been allowed in the parent application. New claims 28-45 have been added. Support for new claims 28-45 is found throughout the specification as filed.

No new matter has been added by any amendment to the specification or by the addition of any new claim.

IV. CONCLUSION

It is believed, in view of the foregoing amendments, that the above-identified patent application is now in condition for examination.

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Respectfully submitted,



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